

Information on Measles Exposure and the Civil Summons

This document provides information about measles exposure and the civil summons issued to you by the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene related to the measles outbreak in Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

Why was I issued a summons?

The Health Department has issued a civil summons to you for failing to comply with the April 9, 2019 Order of the Commissioner regarding measles.

You have the right to a hearing at the New York City Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH) (Hearings Division). Follow the instructions that are attached to the summons.

How can I provide information to show that I, or my child, have been vaccinated, have immunity or have a medical exemption?

If you believe that you or your child have received the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine; have immunity to measles; or have a medical condition that prevents you from getting the MMR, you may submit medical records (these include vaccination records, serology report to prove immunity, or medical documentation for an exemption). All records submitted to the Health Department must be signed and dated by a medical professional. The Health Department will review the medical records and may withdraw the summons.

Submit the medical record to the Health Department. Fax it to 347-396-8851 or email a copy of the record to measlesdocuments@health.nyc.gov.

What if I have been advised to stay home because of measles exposure and cannot attend the hearing?

If you cannot attend the hearing because of measles exposure — or for any other reason — follow the directions on the summons to reschedule.

What should I do about the MMR vaccine after the period of time that I was advised to stay home?

Schedule an appointment with your medical provider so that you can get the MMR vaccine on the first business day you are able to leave your home. Immediately fax (347-396-8851) or email (measlesdocuments@health.nyc.gov) your medical records (signed and dated by a medical professional) to the Health Department.

If your medical provider does not have MMR vaccine or if you need to find a vaccine clinic, call 311 or go to the Health Department website <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/index.page>.

Where can I find information about the Order of the Commissioner, measles or the MMR vaccine?

Information about the Order of the Commissioner, measles and the MMR vaccine is on the NYC Health Department's website at nyc.gov/health. Or call 347-396-7998 to speak to someone at the Health Department.